

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

--~~A system and a method~~Techniques for enabling existing short range wireless access points to participate within a coordinated networked environment through the use of adapters that extend the access points' capabilities, implement policies, and perform other operations are disclosed. In one particular configuration, a network adapter comprises a wireline network interface, a wireless network interface, an IP stack (e.g., for carrying out functions such as packet filtering, rewriting, and forwarding), and network coordination software for communicating with a network control server (e.g., provides configuration information used by the adapter).--